

Interfaith Women of NH is pleased to present their Spring event for 2025: *NH Connections: Quakers, Shakers, Native American* held on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025



Program starts 6:45 pm check-in begins at 6:15 pm at First United Methodist Church, 961 Valley Street in Manchester  
Our speakers:

- ◆ **Maggie Fogarty**, NH Program Director of American Friends Service Committee grounded in Quaker values, dedicated to movement building for economic and racial justice, immigrant rights and nonviolence.
- ◆ **Veronica Molloy**, A founding member of IWNH, practicing Catholic in St. Catherine's Parish, Manchester, a former guide at Canterbury Shaker Village, strong interest in faith perspective commonalities.
- ◆ **Denise Pouliot**, Sag8moskw, Female Head Speaker of the Cowasuck Band of the Penacook Abenaki People, a traditional Abenaki artist, extensive experience in public outreach and education, and often delivers Indigenous Invocations and Formal Greetings at events held on her tribes' ancestral homelands.

Please RSVP to [interfaithwomennh@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomennh@gmail.com) or call 603-233-7760  
Visit us online at: [interfaithwomennh.org](http://interfaithwomennh.org).

Thinking about Membership at FCC? . . .



Check out our Upcoming Membership Events!

**\*New Member Orientation\***  
Sunday, March 30th following Worship Service

**\*New Member Joining\***  
Sunday, April 6th at 10 am  
If you are interested in membership at FCC, please reach out to Ellie Stetson at [Ebstetson@aol.com](mailto:Ebstetson@aol.com).



**March 23, 2025** We are pleased to welcome members, friends and guests. If you are a first time guest and would like to receive a **Welcome Bag**, please speak with an usher. We invite you to fill out a **Welcome Card** found next to the hymnals, and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

**THIS WEEK AT FCC**

**Sunday, March 23rd—Third Sunday in Lent  
Horton Center Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends  
11:30 AM Open & Affirming Committee Meeting

**Monday, March 24th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
5:30 PM *Special Olympics Young Athletes*

**Tuesday, March 25th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
1:00 PM *FIT Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunity*

**Wednesday, March 26th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 27th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
10:00 AM FCC Food Closet Open Hours (until 2)

**Friday, March 28th**

4:30 PM *FIT Kitchen Volunteer Evening*

**Saturday, March 29th**

No Church Activities

**Sunday, March 30th—Fourth Sunday in Lent**

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends  
11:15 AM New Member Orientation (in Chapel)

**UPCOMING WORSHIP**

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**Sunday, March 23rd 10:00 AM**

Ushers: Tom Irving, Mark Sowa  
Greeters: Linda Sowa, Barbara Brawley

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Horton Center Sunday**

**Sunday Friends**

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**Sunday, March 30th 10:00 AM**

Ushers: Ruth Knowles, Becki Krueger  
Greeters: Sam Knowles, Martha Perich

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday Friends**

**New Member Orientation following Worship**

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**Sunday, April 6th 10:00 AM**

Ushers: Kathy Payne, Steve Payne,  
Larry Dearborn

Greeters: Peggy Neveu, Ruth Mills

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**New Member Joining Sunday**

**Sunday Friends**

**Chapel Communion Service**

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**Sunday, April 13th 10:00 AM**

**Palm Sunday**

**Palm Sunday Breakfast at 8:30 AM**

**PLEDGES & DONATIONS**

Your monetary gift has a big impact on our ministries and those we serve. Scan this QR code to learn more...



1. Place smart phone camera over the QR code and click the link that appears.

2. Scroll the giving categories and make your offering.



**THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

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**FCC CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS**

**Senior Pastor** — Rev. Christopher Stevens  
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**The Holly Berry Fair craft gatherings have started up again and you are invited to join us!**

We are meeting Thursday mornings from 9 -12 in the rec room. Remember you don't have to have a lot of experience, just come willing to help! **Here is the schedule: March 20, April 3 & 17. On May 1st we will meet every Thursday.**

**2025 Palm Sunday Breakfast!**

Join us on **Sunday, April 13th at 8:30 am** for this annual event hosted by Music Ministry Director, Adam Peithmann and the FCC adult choir. The cost is \$5 per person and the menu will include pancakes, eggs, and sausage along with coffee and orange juice.

*Week 1*  
**SUNDAY FRIENDS**  
*Easter Series!*

*This Sunday, we will discuss the importance of Palm Sunday and how it is the beginning of Holy Week and the Easter Story - as well as meeting Simon of Cyrene and his role in the Easter Story.*

**Sunday, March 23rd**  
**What is Palm Sunday? Who is Simon of Cyrene?**

**All are Welcome!**  
**Service begins at 10AM at FCC, Manchester, NH**

**Volunteer Opportunities at FCC!**

**Help serve the evening meal at Families in Transition (FIT) from 4:30 to 5:45 pm**  
Held at the Adult Emergency Shelter at 199 Manchester Street. **Upcoming opportunities include: Fri., March 28th and in April, 4/8, 4/16 & 4/25!** Put your name on the sign-up sheet on the church hallway bulletin board.

**Join FCC Volunteers at the FIT Food Pantry: Tuesday, March 25th from 1 pm to 3 pm.** We sort donations and stock shelves and help wherever needed—just 2 hours of your time to help the food insecure in Manchester. Please see the sign-up sheet on the church hallway bulletin board.

**FIT Family Center: Thursday, Thursday 24th from 6pm to 7 pm.** Do crafts with kids (ages 5 - 12) while parents are preparing their dinners in the kitchen. See the sign-up sheet on the church hallway bulletin board.

**Resilience Reins at the UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Center**  
Provide and serve a family dinner for at risk children during the 7-week Resilience Reins program. **Join us Thurs., April 3rd at 6 pm.** Family dinners provide an opportunity for family members to come together, strengthen ties and build better relationships.

**Special Olympics Young Athletes meets Mondays at 5:30 pm at the Manchester Community Music School:**  
Volunteers are always welcome!  
Interested can contact Coach Bill Jones via cell or email to get more details: 603-860-1236 or [wjones0615@comcast.net](mailto:wjones0615@comcast.net).

Questions? Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Liz Verity, by email at [liz-v@comcast.net](mailto:liz-v@comcast.net) or by call or text to 603-494-6785. Call Lauren in the office during the week at 603-625-5093 and she can sign you up.

**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- Sunday, Mar. 23 at 11:30AM—ONA
- Tuesday, Apr. 1 at 6:30PM—Membership
- Sunday, Apr. 6 at 11:15AM—Deacons
- Monday, Apr. 7 at 9:30AM—Sr. Fellowship
- Tuesday, Apr. 8 at 6PM—Church Council
- Monday, Apr. 14 at 6PM—Stewardship
- Monday, Apr. 21 at 6:30PM—Trustees
- Sunday, Apr. 27 at 11:30AM—ONA

**Bible Study Opportunity: "The Ministry of Jesus"**

Based on *The Chosen*

<https://watch.thechosen.tv/page/seasons%201-3>  
We will be using this free television video series as a basis for our 8-session Bible study on the life of Jesus as described in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.  
**Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.. Dates: 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26 and 7/10 OR Sunday after church at 11:30 a.m.. Dates: 4/6, 4/27, 5/4, 5/25, 6/1, 6/15, and 7/6.**

**Women's Connection News!**

**Volunteer with us at "Missy's Closet: Prom Dresses and Tuxedos for Teens"!**

The days and times the closet will be open: Fridays 4 PM - 7 PM and Saturdays & Sundays 10 AM - 4 PM  
Located at the TJMAXX Plaza 68 March Ave Manchester off of South Willow Street. The dates start on Fri., March 14th and go through Sun., April 6th.  
There are many opportunities to volunteer! The sign-up sheets are on the church office window with dates and times. Sign up for an hour or two, more than one day or what ever will fit your schedule... There are lots of sit-down jobs to do too. Look at your calendar, maybe ask a friend to come, and consider helping out!



**Prayer Requests**

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If you have a prayer request for Sunday mornings, there are boxes in the narthex and hallway for you to put your requests in. Please submit them by 9:30 am. If you do come in after that, you can hand your request to an usher who will get it to me. During the week you are welcome to email your request to me at [BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org](mailto:BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org). I can take email requests up until 9:00 am on Sunday morning. I'm honored to have the privilege of raising your prayers during the service.  
- Rev. Barbara Papagian, Associate Pastor -

**One Great Hour Sunday, March 30th, 2025**

**Be the Light...**  
One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. OGHS offering envelopes will be available in each pew. Please place into the offering plate on Sunday, March 30th. Thank you for your generosity to this annual mission.

**100 x 100**

**There was considerable discussion at this year's recent Annual Meeting concerning the 2025 Budget and the resulting impact on various church programs, especially the Outreach Committee which had its funding cut by approximately \$10,000.**  
A suggestion was made at the meeting to invite 100 people in the congregation to each give \$100 as a one-time gift, going directly to the Outreach Committee to restore the needed funding. Members and friends of the church can mail in their check and add "Outreach" in the memo section of the check. Not everyone can afford to give \$100 – so any amount you give will be your part in helping the Outreach Committee.  
**Thank you for your support!**